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The Christian And The Liquor Traffic

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(Extracts from an address delivered by Sam Morris at Des Moines, Iowa, before the joint meeting of the Temperance League of America and the National Temperance Movement which united, forming The National Temperance League, November, 1950. Taken from The National Voice.)

A National Sin

"It is estimated there are four or five million drunkards and alcoholics in this country. This is a national sin. There is a theory going around that the drunkard IS NOT A SINNER—that he's a sick man, that he's afflicted with a disease, and that we shouldn't blame him, we shouldn't condemn him, we shouldn't rebuke him. We should build hospitals and clinics and rehabilitate him and feed him pills or vitamins to cure this 'disease'. I say, ladies and gentlemen, this matter of drunkenness is a sin as black as any other sin in God's Holy Word. The Bible says it's a sin to commit adultery with your neighbor's wife and that the door of the Kingdom of God is closed to those who do. The same Bible in the same verse says it's a sin to get drunk and that no drunkard shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven. The same Bible says it's a sin to murder says it's a sin to get drunk. It terms drunkenness as a lust of the flesh and emphatically declares 'they which do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God.'

Victims Versus a Traffic

"There are a lot of people who are greatly interested in helping the victims of the liquor traffic but you can't get much enthusiasm from them in the fight against the traffic that makes the victims.

"Preach the Gospel to the poor drunk and get him saved, get him under the blood, get him born again and that would solve your liquor problem.

"Well, now, let's see if it would. My friends, if today God gave me the power to lift my voice and transform every drunkard in America into a born—again, regenerated total abstainer for the rest of his natural life, but the brewers, distillers, beer joints, night clubs, wet newspapers, wet magazines, and wet radio stations continued to advertise, glamorize, popularize, and promote the drinking of alcoholic beverages like they are doing now, in fifteen more years you'd have another crop of drunkards just as large as the crop that would be converted today. You'll never solve the liquor problems merely by treating the victims of the traffic. You are going to have to do something about the traffic which produces the victims.

"There are some people who hold alcohol studies and talk about the alcoholics and the Alcoholics Anonymous and how we are to build clinics and hospitals and hospitalize the alcoholics and rehabilitate them and get them back on their feet, but you may listen through the entire conference and you'll never hear them say a word about what they are in favor of doing with the brewer, the distiller, the beer joint, the night club, the road house, the honky-tonk, and the wet newspaper.

"It reminds me of a story about the fellow who sits down in his breakfast room and just about the time he is ready to spear into the hot cakes a drop of water comes through the ceiling and breaks into a stream. The bathroom is over the breakfast room. He looks up, his wife looks up; he looks at her and she looks at him, and she says, 'Husband, did you shut off that bath water?' He wrings his hands and says, "Why I forgot all about it.' He dashes upstairs, the faucets are wide open, the tub is overflowing, and water is spreading over the floor. He wades in, pulls up his britches legs, tiptoes by the tub, goes by the faucets, reaches

the closets, pulls open the door, grabs the mop, and with the faucets still running and the tub still overflowing, starts swinging the mop. He sweats and swings and mops and sweats and swings and mops and the water flows and the tub overflows and he sweats and swings and mops. How long would it take him to clean up his bathroom?

"Now, don't misunderstand me, please. I am in favor of preaching the Gospel to the drunk. I'm for helping the alcoholic get back on his feet. But, ladies and gentlemen, I'm for doing something besides just mopping up after the liquor traffic in this country. I am for screwing the faucet down. I am for padlocking the distilleries. I am for padlocking the breweries. I am for closing the beer joints, the honky-tonks, and the liquor stores. I am for outlawing the advertising of alcoholic beverages in the newspapers and the magazines and over the radio. I am for screwing down the faucets. I am for Prohibition, local option Prohibition, State-wide Prohibition, and Nation-wide Prohibition.

Bootleggers vs. Legal Dealers

"The legal standing of the man who makes beverage alcohol and the legal standing of the man who sells beverage alcohol doesn't have a thing in the world to do with the chemical nature of alcohol and its effect on the brain, the nerves, the body, and the moral inhibitions of the man who drinks it.

"My friends, a bottle of legally sold and legally drunk beer, wine, or whisky will make you wreck your car and kill people on the highways the same as will a bottle of moonshine liquor made in the back alley and sold in a fruit jar against the law. There is not a speck of difference in what it does in highway traffic accidents. A bottle of legally made, legally sold alcoholic beverage from which Uncle Sam has gotten his stipend of revenue and the State has gotten its stipend and the local municipality has gathered its little fee—that little bottle of legally licensed alcohol will make a man break his marriage vows, desert his family, let his children starve, the same as will a bottle of bootleg hooch sold in a fruit jar in the back alley against the law. Not a speck of difference in what it does to society and what it does to the brain, the nerves, the bodies, and the morals of men and women who drink it.

"When someone says to me that it is better to have legal dealers than it is to have bootleggers, I look at him and say, 'Brother, is it better to have polecats or skunks? They're both in the same stinking business'.

"People sometimes say to me, 'you're for the bootlegger'. I always look them right in the eye and say, 'That's right! If I have to put up with a polecat, I want him down behind the barn. I don't want him up on my front porch'. Out in California I heard this definition of a polecat and I am going to pass it on to you—it ought to be very appropriate in a big dignified convention like this. 'What is a polecat? Answer: A polecat is a streamlined, two-toned kitty with a fluid drive'. My friends, the thing we hate about that cat is not the streamlines or the two-toned colors but the fluid drive. And ladies and gentlemen, the thing that God-fearing, Bible-reading, Christ-honoring, humanity-loving men and women hate about the liquor traffic is not that it has a license or that it doesn't have a license, not that it operates on the front street or the back alley, not that it pays taxes or doesn't pay taxes; the thing that we hate about the liquor traffic is the homes it wrecks, the lives it ruins, the characters it debauches, the children it turns into orphans and the blood and sin and shame and degradation which follow in its wake.

Prohibitionists Not Responsible

"There's one difference between a bootlegger and a legal drink seller—one difference. What the bootlegger does without my consent, without my knowledge, over my vote, in spite of my efforts, and against my will, I am not a party to and no intelligent person can rightly blame me with it.

"But, if I walk up to a ballot box and stick my ballot down into the box and vote for legalized liquor and they build a liquor store or beer joint by the authority, endorsement, and approval of my vote in the ballot box, then, for every man who becomes a drunkard on booze from that store, for every woman who goes bad on liquor that flows through that store, for every home that is wrecked by the liquor that flows through that store, for every child who is made an orphan and goes through degradation and sorrows and hopeless childhood as the result of liquor that flows through that store, God Almighty will make me give an account for my share in that sorrow, anxiety, and ruin just as surely as there is a God in Heaven today.

A FREE ADVERTISEMENT

A Negro preacher called at the office of his local newspaper and said, "Mister Editor, 43 of my congregation subscribe to your paper. Does that entitle me to a Church notice in your Saturday's issue?" "Sure," said the Editor, "sit down and write." The next day this is what an astonished public read. "Mount Moriah Baptist Church, Rev. Blank, preaching morning and evening. In the Promulgation of the Gospel three books are necessary. The Bible, The Hymn book and the pocket book. Come tomorrow and bring all three."

A Scottish Message On Education America Needs

By Rev. William Arnot, Glasgow, Scotland

(In a book entitled "Laws from Heaven for Life on Earth," I find a sermon on Education. While written more than sixty years ago to meet conditions in another country, it contains so much that is applicable to our educational situation in America today with respect to education—in our public schools as well as in the homes and the churches—and is so aptly expressed, that its main points should be reproduced. In part it follows.—Editor.)

Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6.

In this Scripture three clearly distinguished yet closely related parts are found:

I. Whom we should educate — the material: A CHILD.

II. How we should educate — the process: TRAIN UP.

III. Into what we should educate—the aim and issue: IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO.

In education the **material** should be pliable, the **method** skillful and the **pattern** divine. These three points correspond nearly to the philosophy, the art and the religion of the question.

I. The material on which the educator operates—A CHILD.

It is most obvious that childhood is the proper period for education.

The world teems with analogies whereby the moralist may enforce the duty of educating in the comparatively pliable period of youth. You may within certain limits, determine at will the direction of a river, a tree, a man, if you touch them near their sources, where they are tiny and tender; but none of the three when full grown can be bent except in very minute degrees, and at an expense of labor greatly disproportionate to the result.

In the horizon of the nation's future, there is no more ominous cloud than the multitude of children that are advancing to maturity uneducated. The lesson has been lashed into us by the rod of correction, after gentler admonitions had been tried in vain. The aggregate of crime was becoming so great that the vessel of the state was sensibly sunk under its weight.

When we came to close quarters with full grown criminals, we found that neglected children are the raw material out of which they grow.

The opinion boldly proclaimed by some distinguished Christian patriots, that no man has a right to rear a young savage in his house and let him loose when full-bodied to prey upon a cultured community, seems to be making its way toward general acceptance. It is concluded that when parents cannot or will not educate their children, the nation may and should, in its own interest, effectually interfere.

Slowly and painfully the confessions have been rung from an afflicted and penitent people, that to ply the gallows for the punishment of convicted malefactors is only the left hand side of national duty; while we permit careless or profligate parents to inundate society with a brood of young, a hybrid compound of animal strength and moral imbecility.

The double conviction has taken possession of the popular mind and expressed itself in legislation that the nation in its collective capacity should come to the rescue, and that the rescue can be effected only by a thorough and universal education of the young.

II. The process of education—TRAIN UP A CHILD.

Much attention has been directed to the distinction between teaching and training.

The tendency in a former age to pile up reading, writing and a few other kindred arts, and call them education was superficial in its philosophy and disastrous in its practical results.

The various branches of knowledge which the teacher imparts constitute, as it were, the elements which the trainer employs.

Moral training according to a divine standard, with a view of moulding the human being, while yet young and tender into right principles and habits of action, and using up in its processes all kinds and degrees of information within its reach, is the only education worthy of the name.

The oldest training school is the home. Home is the best schoolroom. Sisters and brothers the best class of fellows, parents the best masters.

Formidable obstacles prevent or impede parental training. In some cases personal deficiencies, in others the pressure of circumstances from without and in many both barriers combined stand in the way of the work.

Sabbath School instruction, although good as far as it goes, does not supply adequate moral education for the juvenile hordes which infest the streets of our large cities, the interval between Sabbath and Sabbath is too wide. It is like spreading a net with meshes seven inches wide instead of one before a shoal of herrings. By the great gap of the week, the little Arabs easily slip through in spite of the stout string which you extend across their path on the Sabbath Day. Ply the work by all means. But let not this effort deceive us into the belief that this work is adequate.

(The Scottish divine adds that six days' wrong training in the home would more than counterbalance the one day's good training in the church and had he been writing of Americans today he also would have added five days' secular training in our public schools would do the same, and called for moral and religious training in them.—Editor.)

III. The aim and end of education—TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting of the National Temperance and Prohibition Council was held in Washington, D. C. on January 23rd and 24th. The National Reform Association was represented by Rev. J. Renwick Patterson, a member of its Board of Directors, and by Dr. R. H. Martin, President of the Association. Dr. Martin made his annual report to the Council on liquor advertising. He reported the total advertising expenditure of the liquor industry at approximately $200,000,000 for 1949 (the latest year on which figures are available) of which amount $165,000,000 was spent by the manufacturers of alcoholic beverages and the remaining $35,000,000 by the nearly 500,000 engaged in the wholesale and retail end of the business. He reported four of the big distilleries—Seagram, Schenley, National and Hiram Walker as spending $50,000,000 in advertising their products, an increase of $9,500,000 in two years.

NEW SABBATH LITERATURE

The following documents are just off the press: A. A 16-page pamphlet containing a sermon on "WHAT IS SUNDAY FOR?" by Rev. Joseph R. Sizoo, D.D., and an article on "OUR CIVIL SABBATH LAWS by Rev. R. H. Martin, D.D., Both of these were inserted in the Congressional Record by Congressman Lankford in 1926 when a bill was pending in Congress to secure a Sabbath law for the District of Columbia which the Congressman had introduced. 100,000 copies of these two messages on the Sabbath were reprinted (not at government expense) and were sent to as many Protestant pastors throughout the U. S. They were highly commended and widely used. Calls were received for copies after the supply was exhausted.

B. An 8-page pamphlet containing a sermon on "GOD'S DAY AND THE SOUL OF MAN" by Dr. Clarence Edward Macartney, former Moderator of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., and now Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh, Pa. Dr. Macartney is one of the outstanding preachers of the Presbyterian Church. Many of his sermons are published and widely read. This is one of numerous messages delivered from his pulpit to his own congregation which, with his permission, we publish to give it a wider hearing.

The immediate purpose of the republication of these messages on the Sabbath is to provide literature for the use of pastors interested in promoting the cause of Sabbath Observance in their own congregations and communities. In response to communications which have gone out from the office of The National Reform Association to quite a number of pastors, they have indicated their desire to receive literature from the Association on the Sabbath and to take the lead in carrying forward a program in their community for a better observance of the Lord's Day.

The above and other literature will be sent to about 200 pastors within a few days as the first step in carrying forward this cooperative program on behalf of the Sabbath.

The above literature can be obtained from The National Reform Association, 209 Ninth St., Pittsburgh 22, Pa. at the following rates:

"What Is Sunday For?" and "Our Civil Sabbath Laws—15 cents per copy; 8 copies for $1.00; 25 copies and upwards, 10 cents each.

"God's Day and the Soul of Man"—single copy 10 cents; 12 copies for $1.00; 25 copies and upwards, 5 cents each.

DR. MARTIN'S SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Martin for several months past has been discussing the issue of the Bible and religion in the public schools with particular reference to the U. S. Supreme Court's ruling in the McCollum School Case which, if carried out logically, would exclude the Bible and religion in toto from our public schools. He reports a deep interest on this issue and a wide dissatisfaction, even outright opposition to this decision. Those who want to be informed on this decision and its far-reaching implications should secure copy of Dr. Martin's 32 page brochure on it entitled, "The U. S. Supreme Court's Tragedy of Errors in the Atheist School Case." It costs only 25 cents. Send for your copy to The National Reform Association, 209 Ninth Street, Pittsburgh 22, Pa.

ADVERTISING OF PABST BLUE RIBBON BEER

The top notch among the 410 breweries of the United States both in the production and advertising of beer is claimed for the Pabst Brewing Company. In trade circles it is estimated that there are each of four breweries whose yearly production and sales of beer are estimated at more than 4,000,000 barrels—Pabst, Schlitz, Anheuser Busch, and Ballantine—with Pabst in the lead.

Pabst claims an advertising expenditure for 1950 of over $5,000,000 which is considerably in excess of that of any other company. It is interesting and informing to note the media Pabst employs and the comparison of expenditures over these media.

1. The largest segment of its advertising budget now goes into radio and television. It is currently advertising over 155 stations of National Broadcasting Company's network. "The Life of Riley" has carried the principal promotion load in this media. They now use this same show on television on 39 stations from coast to coast.

Since March first Pabst is sponsoring over Columbia Broadcasting System television network boxing matches from St. Nicholas arena from New York every Wednesday night from ten to eleven.

2. Next in expenditures to radio and television comes what the company calls "Promotion" embracing point of sale—displays, gadgets and sales gimmicks.
3. Outdoor advertising with posters on 4,800 locations in more than 2,000 cities and towns featuring two bellhops drooling over The Finest Beer Served-Anywhere.
4. Magazine Advertising. The schedule for 1950 calls for 49 full color pages spread over five magazines—American Legion, Colliers, Esquire, Life and Look. These ads feature indirect testimonies, photographs of well known Americans "Living the Life of Riley" in their homes with the aid of Pabst Blue Ribbon Beer.
5. Newspapers. Used largely to bolster outdoor advertising where completely effective coverage is not available.

GREATEST FOE OF SABBATH OBSERVANCE

The illiteracy of the people, especially of young people, on the subject of the Sabbath is simply appalling. "The people perish for lack of knowledge."

The thousand and one excuses which are given for disregard of the day root themselves in their ignorance of its history and its value to society.

The late Dr. S. Parks Cadman went to the very heart of this matter when he said:

> "The most dangerous obstacle to the benefits of Sabbath Observance is neither Sunday industries, Sunday pleasure nor Sunday business, but an utter absence of intelligent apprehension of the meaning of the Day, and consequently, of all conscientious convictions concerning it. It cannot be either as a civic, social or religious institution unless it is supported by the large majority of the people, and their support cannot be secured unless it is demonstrated that the Sabbath rests not only upon the Divine edicts but upon the physical and religious constitution of man."

"THE BLIND SPOT IN AMERICAN PUBLIC EDUCATION"

Among the many books coming off the press since the U. S. Supreme Court ruling in the McCollum school case, we know of none which comes so near meeting with our whole-hearted approval as "The Blind Spot in American Public Education" by Clyde Lemont Hay, a book of 152 pages, published by the Macmillan Company, 1950. Price $2.00. We do not have space for an adequate review. The following paragraph sets forth the character and purpose of the book. We commend it to our readers.

"We are now beginning to make several frank recognitions: (1) of the necessity of making basis moral and religious education universal; (2) of the importance of making it an integral part of the educational experience of the pupil instead of treating it as something separated from his daily life and as optional and of questionable value; (3) of the inadequacy of the church program of religious education from the viewpoint of trained teaching personnel and also of the time devoted to this basic interest; (4) of the illogical separation of the basic religious orientation from the education provided by the state; and (5) of the fact that to put basic moral and religious guidance into the very foundation of public school education is the only way by which we can hope to develop religious appreciation in the fifty percent or more of our school-age population now untouched by any church agency."

DEATH OF HENRY M. JOHNSON

On October 15, 1950 Henry M. Johnson of Louisville, Kentucky, passed to his eternal reward. Mr. Johnson was one of God's noblemen. He was by profession an attorney, an able and successful attorney, who made a competence for himself and his family from his professional services, but who for many years of his life gave as much or more time to distinctively Christian service. He was recognized as the outstanding Christian layman of Kentucky. He was many years President of the Kentucky State Sunday School Association and also of the Federation of Churches of Louisville. He was long President of the American Business Men's Research Foundation and at one time President of the National Temperance and Prohibition Council, active in promoting the Council's activities particularly against liquor advertising. He was closely associated with Rev. Sam Morris in the temperance cause.

All this Christian service and more was rendered without financial remuneration and often at considerable expense to himself. He believed this to be a service he owed to his Lord, to his country and to American youth in whose moral and spiritual welfare he was deeply interested.

He was faithful unto death and has received the crown of life. May God raise up many men of the Henry M. Johnson type.

A VENTURE OF FAITH

By WALTER McCARROLL, D.D.
President Southern California Branch

The annual meeting of this Branch was held in the Mission Covenant Church, Pasadena, November 17, the Rev. Arvid Carlson, Pastor. Dr. R. H. Martin, president of the national organization, was the main speaker at the evening session. Dr. Frank Dyer was the after-dinner guest speaker. Dr. Dyer is an ordained minister of the Congregational denomination, and national secretary of the Supreme Court Protest Crusade. Dr. Dyer has retired from the active pastorate after many years of distinguished service. He is in full sympathy with the Principles and Purpose of the National Reform Association, and is eager to cooperate in the promotion of our Program.

In December Dr. Dyer was appointed by our Board as radio speaker on a proposed radio program. On January 9 a contract was signed with Station KMPC, Dial No. 710, to put on a radio program for three months on a weekly basis, fifteen minutes each time. The time designated is from 5:30 to 5:45 P.M. each Lord's Day from January 21 to April 15. Dr. Dyer, assisted by some distinguished guests, will bring the messages. The general topic is "GOD AND FREEDOM."

This is a venture of faith. Our work is supported entirely by voluntary contributions. We have no reserves behind us. We are dependent upon the prayer and financial support of the friends of this Cause. The threat to our liberties in a system of education without God, the even greater threat arising from recent decisions of the Supreme Court that civil government must be administered without God, and the increasing pressure towards the secularization of the whole of life, make the messages and program of our Association peculiarly fitted for such a time as this. Pray for Dr. Dyer that he may be Spirit-filled in preparing and delivering these messages.

Bible Bill

A Bill to require the reading of the Bible in the public schools of our State was introduced into the State Legislature in mid-January by Assemblyman G. Delbert Morris. The Bill was referred to the Education Committee of the Assembly. The Legislature takes a 30 day recess, after the flood of bills introduced in January, to allow the Committees time to digest the bills referred to them. The Legislature will be in session again about the first of March. The Bill of Bible Reading will come up for a hearing some time in March. In the mean time all our readers living in California should make an especial effort to contact their assemblyman, either personally or by letter, and urge his support of this bill. We join with Assemblyman Morris in asking all our readers to unite with us in prayer for the passage of this bill. Selections from the Bible are to be read without comment. The Bible in the King James version was declared by the Supreme Court of the State of California to be an unsectarian book. If this bill becomes law, it places the prestige and influence of the State on the side of the Bible. This means that the boys and girls in our public schools will grow up knowing that the government of their State believes in and accepts the laws of the God of the Bible. If this bill becomes law, it sets up a standard and rallying point for opposition to atheistic communism, and secularism. If this bill becomes law it provides an instrument for combating juvenile delinquency. Organizations like the W.C.T.U., the Christian Business Men's Association, the American Legion, Women's Clubs, Parent-Teacher Associations, etc. should rally for the support of this bill.

Your President gave a lecture in the Trinity Methodist Church, Pomona, January 8th, on "Education: Danger or Strength to our Nation." There is urgent need for a re-examination of the Purpose of State education, and the prior question as to the **right** of the State to set up a system of compulsory education. These are questions to which ordinary citizens should turn their attention.

Again we ask our readers to undergird our "Venture of Faith" with prayer that the Lord would use both our radio program and the legislative measure to advance His Kingdom and His will here on earth.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM BROADCAST

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PRAYERS IN CONGRESS FOR THE NATION

It should be a matter of satisfaction and gratitude that in this time of national crisis not only are vast numbers of individual citizens and our churches praying for our nation but that the nation itself is seeking Divine wisdom and help by prayer in meeting the crisis. Each branch of the daily session of Congress—a custom followed since the beginning of our nation—is opened with prayer by Chaplains appointed by the Congress. Their prayers are offered in their official capacity as representatives of the Congress which represents the nation. A study of these prayers as found in the Congressional Record evidences that they are not formal prayers carefully couched in such general terms as to make certain they will offend no one. They are definite and specific, offered to meet particular needs of the times at which they are offered.

Following are the prayers offered in the House and in the Senate on December 8th of last year.

The House

The Chaplain, Rev. Bernard Braskamp, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, without whose divine guidance we cannot carry on, we pray that the life of men and nations everywhere may be touched and transformed by a greater fidelity to Thee.

We penitently confess that we so frequently forget and forsake Thee. We fail to see that our supreme loyalty is to Thee and that this is the source and basis and inspiration of all other loyalties, the fidelity of the soul to its better self and to truth, of the loyalty of patriot to country, of friend to friend, of man to man, and of nation to nation.

Help us to understand that our tragic world problem is not primarily one of human or international relationship but that it is something far more basic and fundamental. May we see that it is the problem of bringing man into an obedient relationship to Thee.

Grant that we may realize more fully that all our efforts to achieve good will and a lasting peace will be vain and futile unless humanity is brought into a glad and willing obedience to Thee and Thy divine will.

Hear us in Christ's name. Amen.

The Senate

Rev. George M. Docherty, D.D., minister of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Washintgon, D. C., offered the following prayer:

Almighty and Everlasting God, who art the Lord of Hosts, and who in ancient days set up a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night to guide Thy chosen people through famine and plague and the pestilence of war unto the land of promise; grant to our Nation in these critical days such a vision and the certitude of Thy blessings and guidance. And especially to those who sit in this Chamber. Do Thou, O Heavenly Father, enable them to hear above the thunder of the world Thy still, small voice. Give them clear insights and calm courage and in all the grave decisions they must make the knowledge that they are servants not only of the people but servants of God. To this end do we dedicate our lives today. O Lord, that this world, which in our time has by man's achievement become a neighborhood, may by the power and the presence of Thy Holy Spirit become a brotherhood of men and nations. Through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

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SCOTTISH MESSAGE ON EDUCATION

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This is the most important of the three. Wisdom in choosing the proper time, skill in adopting the best method, would be of no avail if false principles were thereby instilled into the mind, the evil habits imbedded in the life.

If you are on the wrong way the more vigorously you prosecute the journey, the sooner will disaster come. If we do not form the child in truth and righteousness, it would be better that we should not train them at all.

Christ is the way in which the child should go and the Scriptures reveal his way of life. Moral training if it has any substance is training according to the rule and under the authority of the Bible as the revealed Word of God.

In efficient training two things are absolutely necessary:

a. A **rule** to show the ignorant what the way is.

b. An **authority to keep the wayward on it.**

A thread extended in the air between two points is a sufficient rule for those who need nothing but a rule and by such a line, accordingly, the builder rears his wall, but an extended thread pointing out the boundary between your garden and your neighbor's is not sufficient where children and ripe fruit are brought into contact. Besides a mark to let them see where their neighbor's property is, a wall is needed to keep them out of it.

In the Scriptures, received and revered as the inspired Word of God for the whole duty of man, we have at once a conspicuous rule, a supreme authority. Those who practically neglect or theoretically oppose the Word, have dereft themselves, both of the knowledge, and the power necessary for moral training of youth. They have neither a rule to let the honest see the right way, nor a sanction to prevent the dishonest from transgressing it.

Constitutions Of The Nations

By AMOS J. PEASLEE

This is the title of a very informing and interesting publication of three volumes of more than 2,500 pages published in 1950. The author is a man of high standing in the field of national and international law, a member or official of numerous organizations in the field.

In a Foreword to the three volumes the author states "That this is the first compilation ever published in the English language of all the national constitutions of the world. It is intended for the persons primarily interested in the present day problems of world government. Since the process of constitution building—both national and international—is likely to be a major interest and occupation for some years to come, it is hoped that these volumes may find a welcome among statesmen and public officials, lawyers and jurists, business men and labor leaders, educators and students." Following are interesting items taken from the Introduction to the First Volume.

General Summary

The two and a quarter billion human beings in the world are now organized into about 83 political entities which claim and are accorded internationally for most purposes, sovereign national status. 59 of the 83 nations are members of the United Nations.

Written or Unwritten Constitutions

Of the total of 83 nations, 75 or approximately 90% have "written constitutions" in the sense that their basic organic law is expressed in a single written document, or documents, intended as the outline of the form of government of the nation and as the supreme definition of the functions and powers of the legislative, executive and judicial organs of government.

Ages of National Constitutions

The recent origin of the national constitutions is a striking fact. 29, or about 40%, of all the written constitutions are less than five years old; 33,or about 45%, of them are less than ten years old; and 51, or about 70% of them, are less than 25 years old.

Although the U. S. ranks as a relatively young nation in the family of nations its constitution is the oldest of all written national constitutions now in force.

Republican or Monarchical

Fifty-two or approximtely 53% of the nations describe or commonly refer to their form of government as a "republic." The combined population of these nations is about 1,350,000,000, constituting about 60% of the world's population.

Monarchial

There are 24 monarch, Kingdoms, empires, or principalities constituting 29% of the total number of nations and containing about 218,000,000 persons, less than 10% of the total.

Sources of Sovereign Power

In general there are two prevailing concepts regarding the source of sovereign power; (a) that sovereign power originates in the people themselves who erect their own governmental institutions; and (b) that sovereignty is vested in a monarch or other supreme person and stems downward as a grant to the people.

Sovereign People

The language of the constitutions on this point shows a substantial preponderance of opinion favoring the concept that sovereignty rests in the people. In 59 nations, constituting about 71% of the total number of nations and comprehending about 80% of the world's total population, this concept appears in existing constitutional provisions. In addition to these 59 nations, there are three others where the constitution in process of formation or prior constitutions, gives the same indication: Austria, Germany, Israel. In still others the concept of sovereign power is that it rests more or less jointly in a sovereign and the people. If these nations are added to the 59 the list becomes 74 nations, and the percentage of the nations becomes 90%, and the percentage of the world's total population who consider the people to be a source of sovereign power becomes over 97%.

Sovereign Monarch

The constitutions of most of the nations which recognize a monarchical head of their government declare or imply that the source of sovereignty lies in the monarch, or in the monarch and the people. Examples: Australia, Canada, Denmark, Ethiopia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom and Vatican City.

Rights of the People

There are few written constitutions that do not enumerate the rights of the people which the constitution purports to guarantee to them. They most frequently relate to assembly and association, conscience and religion, education, equality, health and motherhood, individual liberty and fair legal processes, labor, movement within and to and from the nation, petition, property, social security and freedom of speech and press. 79% respecting rights of conscience and religion; 80% respecting property right; 81% respecting freedom of speech and press.